

No funding for Ocean County beach replenishment projects or local military bases

Washington, D.C. -Today, Congressman John Adler said President Obama's Fiscal Year 2010 budget does not do enough to support critical projects for New Jersey residents. The White House released its final budget proposal, and it did not include necessary funding for beach replenishment projects in Ocean County or military construction projects for McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station.

"Beach replenishment and military construction are essential projects to South Jersey's local economy. Leaving these projects out of the budget is unacceptable," Congressman Adler said. "New Jersey residents pay more than their fair share in federal taxpayer dollars. I will continue to work to ensure that our shores and our military bases receive the necessary and appropriate funding."

Today, the White House released the final list of beach replenishment projects to the Army Corp of Engineers, and projects throughout New Jersey were excluded, including those in South Jersey and the shore areas. The President's budget is only a recommendation to Congress, and it does not have the force of law. Congress will decide what projects will be funded through the annual appropriations bills.

For Fiscal Year 2010, Congressman Adler requested \$20 million for beach replenishment on Long Beach Island. In addition, Adler requested numerous military construction projects for McGuire, Fort Dix and Lakehurst, which will improve the quality of life for service members and bolster the Joint Base's missions.

Congressman Adler has consistently called on the Administration to fund projects that are essential to New Jersey's Third District. In March, Congressman Adler sent a letter to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) urging the Administration to fund beach replenishment projects in the Recovery Package.